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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c) is submitted with a Request to File Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The Examiner is hereby requested to enter these amendments prior to examination of this application.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claim 1. Please add new Claims 2-26.